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SUBJECT: FY 76 IVP GRANTEE ADAM LOPATKA

1. DR. LOPATKA DEPARTS NEW YORK AS SCHEDULED JULY 12 ON
PA 44. ARRIVES WARSAW 0855 HRS JULY 13.

2. ESCORT-INTERPRETER SOPHIA MISKIEWICZ REPORTED TO
VPS THAT ENTIRE TRIP HAS BEEN SUPERLATIVE, WITH HIGH
POINTS DISTRIBUTED OVER ENTIRE ITINERARY. MISKIEWICZ SAYS
THAT MAYOR OF BAY CITY, MICH. MET PLANE, AND ENTIRE PROGRAM
IN THAT AREA WAS OUTSTANDING. IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND DISCUSSING LOCAL PROBLEMS WITH
EACH MEMBER, DR. LOPATKA ALSO LECTURED IMPROMPTU WITH GREAT
SUCCESS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE HISTORY CLASS. HE
VISITED A FARM IN THE AREA AND WAS THOROUGHLY INVOLVED WITH
THE POLISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

3. AS PART OF BOSTON PROGRAM, HE ATTENDED SESSIONS OF
BOSTON SUPERIOR COURT, WHERE JUDGE WAS TRYING SEVERAL CRI-
MINAL DEFENDANTS, WHO HAPPENED TO BE OF POLISH DESCENT.
LOPATKA ENTHUSIASTICALLY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE POLES LIVING IN AMERICA AT EVERY

LEVEL OF SOCIETY. HE WAS ALSO PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE BLACK JUDGE, WHO HE THOUGHT WAS OF U.S. SUPREME

COURT CALIBER.

4. WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILS OF EARLIER PARTS OF PROGRAM - GAINESVILLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO - EXCEPT THAT DR. LOPATKA HAD FULL SCHEDULE AT GAINESVILLE, VISITED CAPE CANAVERAL AND DISNEY WORLD, HAD DELUXE FLYING TOUR OVER AND INTO GRAND CANYON (INCLUDING UNEXPECTED EXCITEMENT OF FLYING THROUGH THUNDERSTORM ON RETURN LEG OF FLIGHT), AND A TOUR OF GRAIN EXCHANGE IN CHICAGO.

5. DR. LOPATKA TOLD HIS ESCORT THAT IF SUCH A PROGRAM AS HIS HAD BEEN ATTEMPTED IN POLAND IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT A LARGE MISCUE SOMEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THE APPARENT SATISFACTION OF ALL OF DR. LOPATKA'S INTERESTS, AND MORE, IS NATURALLY DUE TO THE USUAL COMPETENCE OF VPS AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, BUT EVEN MORE SO TO THE DECISION TO GET OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, VIZ. GAINESVILLE AND BAY CITY (WE HAVE NOT HEARD HOW THINGS WENT AT HARVARD). VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SUCCESS OF VISIT WAS ESCORT-INTERPRETER, WHOSE IMAGINATION AND SENSE OF INVOLVEMENT WERE EVIDENT DURING PROGRAMMING SESSION HERE AT BEGINNING OF PROGRAM.

6. WE WILL POUCH ESCORT-INTERPRETER'S FULL REPORT WHEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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